

## ET4B's Christmas Quiz 2017 (including answers)

### General (Christmas) knowledge

1. In which year in the 1990s did the Queen's Christmas Speech refer to her "*Annus Horribilus*"? **1992** (yes we're afraid it *was* all of 25 years ago!)
2. Which scholar and medieval historian was the original author of most of the series of ghost stories, transmitted by the BBC at Christmas in the 1970s? **M.R. James**
3. Who plays Kevin McCallister in the Christmas-based movie Home Alone? **Macaulay Culkin**
4. In the 2003 Christmas movie Love Actually, which song does the 'Prime Minister' (aka Hugh Grant) famously dance to, inside Number 10? **Jump (for my love)** – by the Pointer Sisters
5. Which city is the Christmas movie Elf mainly based in? **New York**
6. Who stars as Scrooge in The Muppets Christmas Carol? **Michael Caine** (and yes, quite a lot of people know that!)
7. In the John Lewis 2015 Xmas TV advertisement which astronomical body does a young girl look at through a telescope? **The Moon**
8. What Hebrew word, beginning with letter M, appears often in the bible and means 'the anointed one'? **Messiah** (NB: We can confirm Brian is not the Messiah, he's just a very naughty boy!)
9. Who is credited with introducing the Christmas tree to Britain in the 1840s? **Prince Albert**
10. What was said to be the occupation of Saint Joseph? **Carpenter**
11. What are the two main ingredients of a snowball cocktail (a point for each)? **Advocaat and lemonade**
12. What huge Christmas gift did France give to the USA in 1886? **The Statue of Liberty**
13. True or False: The term 'Boxing Day' derives from the collection of money in boxes at churches? **True** (apparently!)
14. If you were born on Christmas day, which star sign would you belong to? **Capricorn**
15. In which Christmas movie does Jim Carrey appear as a green coloured character? Full title **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** (accept **The Grinch**)
16. The films Cleopatra (1963) Heaven's Gate (1980) and The Lone Ranger (2013) share which dubious distinction? **They are all regarded as major 'turkeys'** i.e. they are some of the films which have performed worst at the box office when compared to their high production budgets

### Festive hits

17. Which Christmas song, originally made famous by Judy Garland, includes the lyrics, 'From now on, our troubles will be out of sight'? **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**
18. What is the opening line of 'The Christmas Song' by Nat King Cole? **Chestnuts roasting on an open fire**
19. Who was the lead singer on Slade's perennial Christmas classic Merry Christmas Everybody? An extra bonus point if you can give his (real) first name? **Noddy Holder** (his real first name is Neville)
20. With which song did Cliff Richard have a 1988 Christmas number one? **Mistletoe and Wine**
21. What is the opening line to 'Let it Snow'? **Oh the weather outside is frightful**
22. Which famous Christmas song sends us 'tidings of comfort and joy'? **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**
23. Name the song from the Disney movie Frozen which won an Academy award for Best Original Song? **Let it go**
24. Which Christmas song begins with the lyrics, 'Sleigh bells ring are you listening'? **Winter Wonderland**

25. Put these well known Christmas Songs in the order in which they were initially hits (earliest first): (a) All I want for Christmas is You by Maria Carey, (b) 2,000 Miles by the Pretenders, (c) Fairytale of New York by the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl and (d) Wonderful Christmastime by Paul McCartney. **Correct order: d (1979), b (1983), c (1987) and a (1994)**
26. Who sings 'Ding dong merrily on high' at the typically chaotic end to Alan Partridge (aka Steve Coogan)'s 'Knowing Me Knowing Yule' 1995 Christmas Special? **Mick Hucknall**
27. Under which plant might you see 'Mommy kissing Santa Claus'? **Mistletoe**
28. What is the final line of the song 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer'? **You'll go down in history**

### Gone but not forgotten

The following questions relate to well known figures, who sadly passed away in the last 12 months.

29. Which song by Wham! is understood to be the best selling single in the history of the UK charts *not* to have reached the number 1 spot? **Last Christmas** (it is a sad irony that George Michael died on Christmas day last year: but George did have the satisfaction of also contributing to the song which kept him off the 1984 Christmas No 1 spot, Band Aid's Do they know it's Christmas)
30. From whose stomach did the 'Alien' famously appear in the 1979 film of that name? **John Hurt**
31. In which year did Roger Moore first take the film role of James Bond, 1971, 1973 or 1975? **1973** (the film was of course Live and Let Die)
32. Would be 'Rhinestone Cowboy' Glen Campbell toured as a member of the Beach Boys in the mid-1960s. Is that true or false? **True** (he toured with them in 1965 and also played on their 'Pet Sounds' album which was released the following year)
33. Which is true of Hugh Hefner: (a) He featured Marilyn Monroe in the first issue of Playboy magazine (b) he guested in a 1993 episode of The Simpsons as himself, (c) he had the worst comb-over in history since Bobby Charlton, (d) all of the above? **(d)** – they are all true (allegedly)
34. Can you name David Cassidy's first UK number one single, released in 1972? **How can I be sure?**
35. The late Keith Barron famously starred in the 1980s sitcom Duty Free. Who appeared as his long-suffering wife in the series? **Gwen Taylor** (although playing a downtrodden character, she had the unusual consolation of often being given the best lines in the show)
36. Liz Dawn's character Vera Duckworth was a feature of Coronation Street for over 30 years. Was her first appearance as Vera in 1974, 1976 or 1978? **1974** – Vera was originally an 'occasional' character until her husband Jack (Bill Tarmey) was introduced in 1979, whereupon they both became 'regulars'.
37. Sticking with the 'Street' theme, Roy Barraclough of course played the popular, and occasionally devious, character of Alec Gilroy. Before that, with whom did he form the successful 1970s TV drag double act of 'Cissie and Ada'? **Les Dawson** (example Les Dawson joke: "I haven't spoken to the mother-in-law for three years – it's not that we don't get on, it's just that I don't like to interrupt!")
38. Sir Peter Hall was director of the National Theatre in London at the time that controversial stage play 'The Romans in Britain' ran in 1980. Who launched a private prosecution against the play on grounds of indecency? **Mary Whitehouse** (the prosecution was unsuccessful, partly because Mrs Whitehouse's solicitor had to admit he'd only watched the play from the back of the theatre and couldn't fully see what was happening)

39. Is it true or false that Rick Parfitt of Status Quo (who died on Christmas Eve last year) appeared on the 1984 Band Aid single Do they know it's Christmas? **True** (he also opened the 1985 Live Aid concert with his Quo band mates)
40. Welsh actor Hywel Bennett developed a successful film career before later starring in TV series such as Shelley and Eastenders. Which of the following films did he NOT star in: (a) The Family Way (1966), (b) The Strange Affair (1968), (c) The Virgin Soldiers (1969) or (d) Percy (1971)? **(b) The Strange Affair** (which Michael York starred in).
41. Which of the following is NOT true of legendary entertainer Bruce Forsyth: (a) He hosted Sunday Night at the London Palladium from 1958, (b) He recorded the patriotic song 'I'm backing Britain' in 1968, (c) He fronted The Generation Game's first run, between 1971 and 1977, (d) He was the first compere of The Price is Right when the show began in 1984. **(d) is incorrect** – because the late Leslie Crowther was the first compere, and Bruce took over as presenter in the mid 1990s (apologies for a bit of a trick question!)
42. Alan Simpson was part of a successful writing duo that penned popular sitcoms such as Hancock's Half Hour and Steptoe and Son. Name his comedy writing partner on these shows? **Ray Galton**
43. Gordon Kaye most famously camped it up as Rene Artois in 1980s sitcom 'Allo 'Allo! Who played barmaid Yvette alongside him, and who found Rene strangely irresistible? **Vicki Michelle**
44. Tom Petty appeared as one fifth of supergroup The Travelling Wilburys formed in the late 1980s. Name the other 4 superstar members (a point for each)? **Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Jeff Lynne and Roy Orbison**